

Don't ever get it into your head that Mother Jones is merely a noisy agitator. She is far more than that. She understands. I think she sees through the industrial situation more clearly than most of the greatest of the labor leaders. She sees with the protecting instinct of motherhood, as the mother of millions.

She has gone to prison cheerfully, understandingly—feeling that she was helping her children by being jailed. If she thought it would help the workers I believe she would mount the scaffold, tie the noose under her own ear and go to her death with a smile on her face and the light of a wonderful love for humanity in her eyes.

I have not attempted to write an interview with Mother Jones, but merely to give an impression of her as she appealed to me—a very feeble impression of a very wonderful woman.

Effects of War.—Of course, the war has its business side. How will it affect business?

Will it lift the country out of a business depression?

Will it help the railroads get that five per cent increase in freight rates?

Will it stop the governmental program to regulate crooked big business?

Will it take so many workers to the war that the demand for labor will exceed the supply? And if so, will wages go up?

Will we have enough "hands" to harvest this year's crops?

What will happen to the high cost of living? Will it mount higher?

How will it affect taxes?

Who will make money out of the war?

What will war do to the railroads? Will they hire back the thousands of discharged men?

Will the increased sale of newspapers and the extra demand for paper send up the price of white

paper? If so, will the price of advertising go up, too? And the cost of living?

If we have to put 400,000 men in Mexico how long will it cost us four or five million a day to pay the expense?

How much will be added to the pension roll after its all over?

Who'll get the government contracts for food, shoes, clothing, blankets, horses, mules, wagons, autos, aeroplanes, guns, ammunition, and all the other things needed in a war?

Who'll get the contract for this war's embalmed beef? Will it come to Chicago?

Will the army be wet or dry? How will it affect the booze business?

Belligerent Rights.—Commenting on outbreaks in the industrial war in West Virginia, Michigan and Colorado, the Chicago Daily News says:

"Industrial war in which hundreds suffer should without much further delay be made impossible. Can civilization offer no acceptable remedy for the stubborn disputes in which conciliation and arbitration are either ignored or produce no beneficial results? Here is a field that requires the earnest attention of thoughtful lawmakers and other persons of influence."

There is a remedy—a very simple remedy.

Recognize the combatants in the industrial war, give them equal rights and let them fight it out.

When mine owners, for example, are permitted to maintain private armies of gunmen to protect their property, let the miners have full right to arm themselves to protect their own lives.

Never in a single instance that I recall has any state used its militia to protect humanity in an industrial war. Invariable the state troops have been on the side of property, as in the West Virginia and Colorado coal fields and in the Michigan coal